

**METHOD OF AND SYSTEM FOR ASSOCIATING AN
ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE WITH AN ELECTRONIC RECORD****ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A method of and system for associating an electronic signature with an electronic record in a computer system. In one embodiment the method comprises allowing a user to define an event that, upon occurrence, generates an electronic record that requires an electronic signature; allowing a user to define the fields stored in the electronic record; allowing a user to generate a map that maps data from underlying database tables to at least some of the fields defined for the electronic record; allowing a user to define a layout for displaying data in the electronic record on a computer display when an electronic signature for the data record is collected; allowing a user to identify a signatory approver for the electronic record; generating the electronic record and displaying the electronic record to the signatory approver according to the defined layout in response to the occurrence of the event; receiving an electronic signature from the signatory approver; and associating the electronic signature with the electronic record. Some embodiments further comprise verifying the electronic signature prior to associating the signature with the electronic record.

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